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I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Tony Clifford for his distinguished service to our country and to wish him all the best in the coming years as he enjoys his well-earned retirement.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:17 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 312. An act to reaffirm the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe reservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 375. An act to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1892. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make technical corrections to the requirement that the Secretary of Homeland Security submit quadrennial homeland security reviews, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, Public Law 93-344, the Speaker and the President pro tempore of the Senate hereby jointly appoint the following individual to the Congressional Budget Office, effective June 3, 2019, for the term expiring January 3, 2023: Dr. Phillip Swagel, Director.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 375. An act to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1892. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make technical corrections to the requirement that the Secretary of Homeland Security submit quadrennial homeland security reviews, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 312. An act to reaffirm the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe reservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2578. An act to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator GARY PETERS, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs: Troy D. Edgar, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, vice Charles H. Fulghum.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1289. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glufosinate Ammonium; Pesticide Tolerances [Olive, Stone Fruit (crop group 12-12), Tree Nuts (crop group 14-12) and Soybean Hull]" (FRL No. 9991-49-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1290. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1291. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations and Standards Branch, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf - Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions" (RIN1014-AA39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1292. A communication from the Director of Human Resources Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, five (5) reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1293. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; GA and TN; Interstate Transport (Prongs 1 and 2) for the 2010 1-Hour NO₂ Standard" (FRL No. 9993-71-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1294. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; New Mexico; Approval of Revised Statutes; Error Correction" (FRL No. 9993-58-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1295. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; OR; 2015 Ozone NAAQS Interstate Transport Requirements" (FRL No. 9993-75-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1296. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No.

9993-49-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1297. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Regulation to Require Drug Pricing Transparency" (RIN0938-AT87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1298. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recognition and Deferral of Section 987 Gain or Loss" (RIN1545-BN63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1299. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees Relating to Enrolled Agents and Enrolled Retirement Plans Agents" (RIN1545-BO38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1300. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Carbon Oxide Sequestration - 2019 Section 45Q Inflation Adjustment Factor" (Notice 2019-31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1301. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: Cash Distributions in Redemption of Stock of Former S Corporations During the Post-Termination Transition Period" (Notice 2019-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1302. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor for Trades of Player Contracts and Draft Picks" (Notice 2019-18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1303. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limited Expansion of the Determination Letter Program for Individually Designed Plans" (Notice 2019-20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1304. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2019-22" (Rev. Proc. 2019-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1305. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2018 Section 45K(d)(2)(C) Reference Price" (Notice 2019-28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.